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NURSING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL

CONFERENCES

Three important conventions of special interest to public health nurses were held in Chicago in December, 1918. The ninth annual meeting of the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality preceded the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, which, in turn, was followed by a business meeting of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. This last was held jointly with the Public Health Section of the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses. In spite of hastily prepared programmes for all four meetings, because each one had been postponed at least once, on account of the influenza epidemic, a very good representation of people interested in health problems, came from all sections of the country, including northwestern Canada and Florida. In the Infant Mortality conferences, a round table was devoted to Nursing and Social Work, Estelle L. Wheeler, of the Washington Diet Kitchen Association, being chairman of this section. Pansy Besom, Chief Child Welfare Supervisor of the Massachusetts State Department of Health, gave a very comprehensive and interesting paper on How to Conduct a Survey in the Interests of Child Welfare Work. Nurses were also represented in other parts of the programme. Katherine Olmsted gave an especially helpful and thoughtful paper on Problems of Infant and Maternity Welfare Work in Rural Communities. The dominating thought in almost all of the sections seemed to be the need for more pre-natal instruction of all pregnant mothers (not merely of the foreign-born or the very poor), better obstetrical care, better training of physicians in obstetrics, and more organized supervision of the child from its second to its sixth year. Some very startling figures were presented. Most of us have heard, and as quickly forgotten, that eighty per cent of the babies who die in America, die in their first month; that 15,000 mothers die annually in the United States, as a result of childbirth. Next to tuberculosis, this is the highest death rate from any disease. Dr. Joseph DeLee of Chicago and Dr. Edward P. Davis of Philadelphia both emphasized the fact that whereas pregnancy has been called a normal function, it is a pathological condition and should be treated as such; that obstetrics is as important and honorable a branch of therapeutics as surgery; that we cannot promise better post-partum care and protection to the mothers of the country until we recognize this fact and insist upon giving better training in obstetrics to every medical student working for a degree. Dr. Josephine Baker, commenting upon the fact that so many children in foreign cities are under-nourished and starving, brought home the neglected condition of many of our own children by reminding us that twenty-nine per cent of all of the men sent to eight camps in the country were rejected by their own local boards, and that 7.16 per cent of the rest were rejected when they reached camp. In all, over 800,000 were rejected as physically unfit for service. Seventy-five per cent of the causes for their rejection were preventable. Contrary to popular belief, the largest number of rejections was caused by eye conditions; then teeth, hernia, ear, heart and tuberculosis complications followed, in the order given. Seventy-one per cent of those registered from city districts were accepted; seventy-two per cent from rural districts were accepted, showing that there is not such a great deal of difference between the health of urban and rural population, after all. Recent statistics have shown that between eight per cent and nine per cent of the children in London

are under-nourished. Examinations brought forth the fact that twenty-one per cent of the children in New York City are in a similar condition. For every fighting man in the ranks, there must be four people, at least, behind him at home, and of these four workers, one is a woman. Armed with these facts, Dr. Baker made a splendid plea for better and more intensive child welfare work for all of the children in America, not merely for those of any one local district or social group.

The sections of the American Public Health Association were devoted largely to the discussion of influenza, the problems arising during and as a result of the epidemic. Disagreement was rife. For every fact nearly proved, an equally convincing statement was produced, showing that the same treatment or the same program, applied in another district, met with no, or poor results. In fact, one of the local results of the very frank discussion by dozens of the greatest sanitarians in the country, was that visiting-nurse patients throughout the districts agreed that physicians knew so little about influenza that they would have neither physician nor nurse, if they could not have a nurse without a physician, and we not infrequently found more unprescribed medicine being taken than was good for either patient or household. An appeal to Dr. William A. Evans of the *Chicago Tribune*, for some publicity with which to overcome the wrong ideas which most people derived from the reports of the Congress, resulted in an article in the *Sunday Tribune* by the Superintendent of the Visiting Nurse Association, advising people to call physicians more promptly when they suspected influenza. Doctor Evans followed this up with two articles on the use of masks and the recommendations of the Congress, and misunderstandings have been pretty generally cleared up. The result of the publicity given these discussions makes one wonder, sometimes, just how safe it is to take the public into our confidence, after all. The profiteering by all groups of workers: physicians, nurses, undertakers, druggists, special workers, cleaning women, came in for much excoriation. Although several times it was suggested that we needed thousands of short-course nurses, never once was it suggested that our physicians were over-trained. Since it was a meeting in which there was only a sprinkling of women, men predominating on the program and in the discussions, naturally the fact that there is a shortage of women labor throughout the United States was pretty generally overlooked. No one seemed to have taken into consideration the statement recently made from Washington that half a million school children throughout the country will be untaught this winter unless the married teachers volunteer to go back into the school room. The shortage, during at least two weeks of the epidemic, of every kind of woman labor,—servants, clerks, telephone operators, and what not—wasn't once mentioned. Local experience leads us to believe that short-course nurses are not practical. In the first place, the economic returns suggested (from \$12.00 to \$15.00 a week for a twenty-four hour day in a household of average or limited means), doesn't appeal to most women who are considered when we use the term "short course." Then, too, women going into nursing as a means of livelihood, cannot afford to be idle while waiting for epidemic conditions. Epidemic nursing is as exacting and difficult to teach as anything else which a woman can undertake. What is really needed during an epidemic is a woman who is a combination of nurse, housewife, laundress, char-woman, and a good mother to boot, and these women are extremely rare. A good jack-of-all-trades is frequently a specialist, and a very busy specialist, at that. The appalling ignorance which was encountered over and over again, in the homes of the well-to-do as well as the very poor, has convinced many nurses that a much better plan than the training of short-course women, is the introduction

into our high schools and perhaps into our eighth grades, of courses in home nursing for all girls in these two groups; this course to be compulsory, not elective. Poor nurses for poor people will be as great a travesty or injustice as poor doctors for poor people, or poor school teachers for the poorer districts. We all know that the poor man can least afford to bear the expense of illness, and he needs the best doctor and the best type of nursing rather than the poorest. More public health training for our student pupil nurses was also asked for and discussed. If we get this, better public health nursing organization and education and more public health nurses, and the fundamentals of simple home nursing (the bathing of a patient, the administration of food to bed-patients, the ventilation and cleaning of a sick room), taught to the girl pupils of every one of our families, we shall more nearly meet the needs of the poor man than by promising something which doesn't exist. This seemed to be the conclusion fairly generally reached in several discussions during and following this congress. A great many nurses came for all three meetings, staying over for the business session of the National Organization. New Jersey, Colorado, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, Connecticut, Iowa, Ohio, North Dakota, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and New York were some of the states represented. Five nurses came from Canada. About twenty of them met one night for dinner at the College Club, and discussed the epidemic, pro and con. Eunice Dyke, Chief Nurse in the Toronto Department of Health, and Edna L. Foley of Chicago, were appointed members of a sub-committee on an administrative program for epidemic relief, with Dr. Donald Armstrong of Framingham, and Dr. Woodward of Boston, and when, at the meeting of the entire committee, one of the members scored the general failure to make sufficient use of Red Cross aides, they presented the resolution which follows. In some cities the Red Cross aides had been so generally used that it did not occur to them that in other cities they had not been called upon, consequently, rather than express their approval of a blanket recommendation that Red Cross aides be used, they put their recommendation in this form: "We recommend more intensive use of Red Cross aides; further training with reference to influenza, for all graduates of Red Cross Home Nursing courses; better registration (names, addresses and telephone numbers), of all aides; and further information regarding personal health, age, ability and willingness to serve."

The by-laws of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing have been changed so that four associate members (not nurses), were elected to the Board of Directors: Mrs. John H. Lowman of Cleveland, Mrs. Francis Bolton of Cleveland, Mrs. Joseph M. Cudahy of Chicago, and Mary Railley of New Orleans.

It has been suggested that the Infant Mortality Association change its name to "The American Child Hygiene Association."

Mrs. Ira Couch Wood announced that whereas before the State Council of Defense instituted its intensive program for child welfare work throughout Illinois, there were no child welfare committees outside of Chicago, there are now 98 such committees in the 102 counties in the state. 1,800,000 pieces of literature have been distributed through social centers, schools, etc. Three hundred audiences have been addressed by trained speakers. Several cities, as a result, have opened child welfare centers, and now the program calls for a full-time county health officer, a public health nurse and a school nurse for each county. Dr. DeLee asked for better training of the public in order that the popular objections to sending patients to the hospitals for confinement might be overcome. The inconsistencies in our present treatment of the parturient woman would be obviated if the public were taught that this is a pathological condition

too serious to be treated at home by a midwife, and as much a hospital case as any other surgical condition. The out-patient department will be necessary in our care of these women for the next few generations, for the suggestion that all expectant mothers go to hospitals for adequate care, is too expensive to come all at once. Dr. Rudolph Holmes followed Dr. DeLee's statement by calling the midwife an anachronism, to be got rid of just as soon as the public awakened to the seriousness of every local situation.

At one of the sections of the American Public Health Association, a physician who had read a very thoughtful paper on the health of our immigrant population, made a very strong plea for the correct evaluation of conditions, causes and effects, by public health workers. "We want a reasonable certainty that procedures are rational before we demand a budget; we must make a more careful study of our racial health, our infant mortality, our housing conditions, our suggestions for minimum wages, before we demand too much; we want to base requests on facts, only, or a few years later we may be put to the embarrassment of reversing our judgments and thereby losing public confidence."

COMMITTEE ON NURSING

The various functions and activities of the Committee on Nursing of the General Medical Board of the Council of National Defense are being brought to a close sometime during the month of January.

ELLA PHILLIPS CRANDALL, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF NURSES' RELIEF FUND, DECEMBER, 1918

Receipts

Previously acknowledged	\$2,783.36
Interest on bank balance	49.99
Christ Hospital Alumnae Association, Jersey City, N. J.....	25.00
Marietta B. Squire, Newark, N. J.	1.00
Arabella M. Creech, Newark, N. J.	1.00
Providence Hospital Alumnae Association, Washington, D. C.....	100.00
Nebraska State Nurses' Association	20.00
Hahnemann Hospital Nurses' Alumnae Association, Philadelphia, Pa...	15.00
Nurses' Alumnae Association of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.	25.00
Mrs. B. V. Smith, Jacksonville, Fla.	1.00
Mabel E. Doub, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii	5.00
Individual nurses of Honolulu, Mrs. H. B. Sinclair, Mrs. J. T. Wayson, Sadie Sterritt, Mrs. Joheph French, Jr., Reba Dobson, Mrs. Lulu Bratten, Mabel Smythe, Grace Furgeson, A. E. Maynard, Mary Johnson, \$2.00 each	20.00
Nurses' Association, Territory of Hawaii	5.00
Monmouth Memorial Hospital Alumnae Association, Long Branch, N. J.	10.00
Brooklyn Hospital Training School Alumnae Association, N. Y.....	25.00
Arkansas State Graduate Nurses' Association	125.00
S. Henrietta Meyers, Savannah, Ga.	3.00
Cynthia M. Mabbette, St. Augustine, Fla.	3.00
Janette F. Peterson, Chairman California State Committee	12.00
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	\$3,229.35

Disbursements

Application approved, No. 1, 47th payment.....	\$10.00	
Application approved, No. 2, 36th payment.....	5.00	
Application approved, No. 5, 23rd payment.....	20.00	
Application approved, No. 6, 32nd payment.....	15.00	
Application approved, No. 7, 26th payment.....	15.00	
Application approved, No. 11, 23rd payment.....	20.00	
Application approved, No. 14, 10th payment.....	15.00	
Application approved, No. 15, 6th payment.....	15.00	
Application approved, No. 16, 3rd payment.....	20.00	
Exchange on cheques20	135.20

\$ 3,094.15

13 bonds, par value	13,000.00
2 Certificates of stock	2,000.00
6 Liberty Bonds	6,000.00

\$24,094.15

Contributions for the Relief Fund should be sent to Mrs. C. V. Twiss, Treasurer, 419 West 144th Street, New York City, and cheques made payable to the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, New York City. For information, address Miss E. E. Golding, Chairman, 317 West 45th Street, New York City.

(Mrs. C. V.)

M. LOUISE TWISS, *Treasurer.*

ARMY NURSE CORPS

Appointments.—Lillian K. Loutey, Kate Madden assigned to duty at U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Dix, Wrightstown, N. J.; Grace A. Meeker assigned to duty at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco; Myrtle Foster assigned to duty at U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.; Emily A. Browne assigned to duty at U. S. Army Base Hospital, Fort Riley, Kan. Rose M. Weil, Edna Yoder assigned to duty at U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.; Candace M. Bradley assigned to duty at U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Upton, Long Island, N. Y.; Alice C. Beatle assigned to duty at U. S. Army General Hospital No. 35, West Baden, Ind.; Marie D. DeLong assigned to duty at Walter Reed General Hospital, Takoma Park, D. C.

Assignments.—*To U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Cody, Deming, N. Mex.:* Ella McKenzie. *To U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Dodge, Herrold, Iowa:* Lillian E. Barlow. *To U. S. Army General Hospital No. 27, Fort Douglas, Utah:* Elvinia Jensen. *To U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.:* Mable L. Anderson, Frances A. Stewart, Anne E. Oliver, Mabel Williams, Pearl H. Billings, Nettie B. Vick, Eva V. Clay, Magnolia Diggs, Willie E. DePriest. *To U. S. Army General Hospital No. 9, Lakewood, N. J.:* Leah Powdermaker. *To U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.:* Henrietta D. Massie. *To Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Cal.:* Nellie M. Kaufman, Myrta B. Smith, Charlotte M. Conner. *To U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash.:* Bertha N. Peterson. *To U. S. Army General Hospital No. 22, Richmond, Va.:* Mary C. Joyce. *To U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio:* S. Mildred Boulding, Sophia A. Hill, Lillian F. Ball, Aileen B. Cole, Marion H. Brown, Clara A. Rollins, N. Jeanette Minnis.

HONOR ROLL

Died in the Service of Their Country

Maude A. Munn	December 1, 1918	United States
Lillias MacKay	December 4, 1918	United States
Anna Anderson	December 4, 1918	United States
Charlotte Schonheit	December 6, 1918	United States
Effie A. Larsen	December 14, 1918	United States
Lydia M. Buck	December 15, 1918	United States
Edith G. Becker	December 21, 1918	United States
Mamie Jones	December 31, 1918	United States

Since November 11, the day on which the armistice was signed, 2,154 nurses have been relieved from active service in the military establishment. These nurses were relieved from duty at those places where their services could be spared, in as large numbers as possible, because of the great need in civil communities. At the present time, however, on account of the thousands of patients being returned from overseas, no further reduction of the nursing force is contemplated, and resignations will only be accepted under very exceptional circumstances.

Inasmuch as members of the Army Nurse Corps are beneficiaries of the War Risk Insurance Act, it has been directed that a thorough physical examination be given every nurse immediately preceding her separation from the service.

Arrangements have been made whereby nurses suffering from nervous or mild mental disorders, may be sent to Phipps Clinic, Baltimore, Md., for observation and treatment pending the establishment of the fact that their disorder is permanent.

On account of the thousands of sick returning from overseas, a partial re-adjustment of the nursing force has been necessary and large numbers of nurses have been transferred to those hospitals around the port of New York and Newport News, Virginia. Nurses who return from overseas for observation and treatment are to be sent first to U. S. Army Embarkation Hospital No. 4, formerly the Polyclinic Hospital, 345 West 50th Street, for observation and treatment. Those returning to the United States for discharge or to await further orders, will be sent to Hotel Albert, 11th Street and University Place.

It has been deemed advisable, on account of the contemplated reduction of the nursing force from time to time, to make the purchase of the outdoor uniform optional instead of mandatory. The use of the outdoor uniform, however, will be encouraged.

DORA E. THOMPSON,
Superintendent, Army Nurse Corps.

REPORT OF THE ARMY SCHOOL OF NURSING

The following is a summary of applications from the establishment of the Army School of Nursing on May 25, 1918, to January 1, 1919:

Applications received, 10,856; applications under consideration, 681; applications accepted, 5869; applications declined, 3779; applications withdrawn, 327.

STUDENTS ON DUTY

Custer 31, Des Moines 23, Devens 84, Dix 29, Dodge 55, Fox Hills 48, Gordon 47, Grant 99, Greene 68, Hancock 37, Jackson 93, Kearny 29, Lewis 75, MacArthur 34, McClellan 40, McPherson 47, Meade 50, Oglethorpe 41, Riley 41, Sam

Houston 47, Sevier 34, Shelby 32, Sherman 45, Taylor 41, U. S. No. 1 33, U. S. No. 3 31, Upton 31, Wadsworth 132, Walter Reed 78, Wheeler 71, total 1546.

HONOR ROLL

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Nellie D. Anderson	November 19, 1918	Camp Wheeler, S. C.
Katherine Rowell	December 13, 1918	Camp Greene, S. C.
Lena Stanford	December 28, 1918	Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
Pearl Poole	December 30, 1918	Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
Priscilla A. Crocker	January 4, 1919	Camp Devens, Mass.
Agnes Josephine Nohr	January 4, 1919	Camp Grant, Ill.

The following study of the educational qualifications and occupational status of candidates applying for admission to the Army School of Nursing is of interest:

Total number of applications examined, 4869; graduates of high schools or equivalent, 2207; part college or normal training, 2131; college graduates, 531.

Occupations: Teachers, class A, 768; teachers, class B, 1037; fine arts, 207; domestic arts, 66; stenographers, 298; clerical, 726; miscellaneous, 718; unoccupied, 1049; total, 4869.

Explanatory note: Teachers, class A, represent those students who were either college graduates or had full normal training. Class B were graduates of high schools with part or normal training. Fine arts represents the number teaching or pursuing the professions of art or music. Domestic arts includes those students who had considerable length of training in domestic science or physical culture.

The signing of the armistice on November 11th, which meant a rapidly decreasing demand for nursing service, has not only closed the enrollment but has made impossible the assignment of many hundreds of accepted applicants who stood ready for the call to duty. That the personal disappointment and in many cases the great inconveniences suffered have been almost lost sight of in the rejoicing that the period of sacrifice and suffering is drawing to a close, is evidenced by the spirit in which these harassing situations have been faced by these candidates. If, as it is hoped and believed, the school becomes a permanent institution, the lists will eventually be opened and a certain quota of students be admitted yearly. A reserve list is being established for those accepted applicants who are willing to enter their names, to be called on should the need for their services unexpectedly arise, owing to the number and condition of the returned sick and wounded soldiers, or such an epidemic as has been recently passed through. In order not to lose to the nursing profession any of the splendid young women who are interested in the field, the American Red Cross, through its recently established Bureau of Information, at 44 East 23rd Street, New York City, has made it possible to refer these candidates to the civilian hospitals who are in need of students. Information relating to this has been sent to all accepted students through a circular letter.

ANNIE W. GOODRICH,
Dean of the Army School of Nursing.

Illinois.—THE ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES held its fifteenth annual meeting at the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, December 13 and 14. The attendance was unusually small because of the recurrence of the epidemic

of influenza. The first morning session was devoted to reports of committees and districts. In the afternoon, addresses were given by Francis W. Shepardson, Director of the Department of Registration and Education of the state, and by R. B. Dennis of Northwestern University on The Russian Situation. These were followed by an informal tea, after which were round tables, one on Industrial Nursing and another on Reorganization. The Association was particularly fortunate in having with it, Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Parliamentarian. The evening session was held jointly with the Directors of the National Organization of Public Health Nursing, Mary Beard presiding. The speakers at this session included Mary E. Lent, Elizabeth Fox, Mrs. Haasis, Mary M. Roberts, Kathryn Olmsted and Ella P. Crandall. Mrs. Helen Hoy Greely addressed the meeting in regard to the status of the bill for rank for nurses, in Congress, and pointed out the duty of each nurse in aiding to put this through. The Great Lakes band furnished the music for the evening. The session of the second day began with a Red Cross breakfast with Minnie H. Ahrens as the principal speaker. At 9:30 a. m. there was a series of round tables as follows: (1) Private Duty, Nellie M. Crissy presiding; (2) Public Health Nurses, Sara B. Place; (3) Training School Superintendents, Helena McMillan; (4) Training School Instructors, Ella G. Best. Following these, a general round table was held with Mary C. Wheeler presiding. There was a short memorial service in honor of Mrs. Ida M. Tice. The meeting closed with the introduction of the newly elected officers: President, M. Helena McMillan; vice presidents, Edna L. Foley, Chicago, and Stella Freidinger, Peoria; secretary, Lucy Last; treasurer, Elizabeth Asseltine, Ottawa. **Chicago.**—A DIVISIONAL MEETING of the local nursing committees of the American Red Cross was held at Hotel La Salle December 16 and 17. There were sixty nurses in attendance representing thirteen local committees of the Central Division. Miss Ahrens presided. **Second District.**—SILVER CROSS HOSPITAL, Joliet, has been presented with a \$40,000 Nurses' Home, the gift of Colonel John Lambert of Joliet. It is a cut stone structure corresponding to the hospital buildings. A fifty-bed addition to the hospital will soon be ready for occupancy. During the epidemic of influenza, Marie T. Petersen established an emergency hospital at South Wilmington with four student nurses. **Fourth District.**—ELIZABETH ASSELTINE, superintendent of the Ryburn Memorial Hospital and School for Nurses for the past nine years, has resigned her position. A new hospital building has just been erected. **Thirteenth District.**—ALICE E. DALBEY has been appointed on the staff of school nurses at Springfield. Mary Frances Sheil is now occupying the position of superintendent of the Springfield Hospital and School for Nurses.

Indiana: Fort Wayne.—MRS. E. G. FOURNIER, who was, for more than ten years, superintendent of the school for nurses of Hope Hospital, has been appointed principal of the training school of Columbia Hospital, Washington, D. C. MISS D. E. KELSEY, class of 1906, Hope Hospital, is taking a course in the School of Civics, Chicago.

Michigan.—MRS. MARY STAINES FOY, who has served for six years on the Registration Board, has been appointed to succeed herself for another term of six years. Mrs. Helen de Spelder Moore has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Susan Fisher Apted, whose term expired August 1, 1918. Annie M. Coleman has been filling the vacancy since Mrs. Apted went to France in June.

Nebraska: Omaha.—THE METHODIST HOSPITAL had fifty-two pupil nurses ill with influenza, several of the cases were followed by pneumonia. There were no deaths.

New Jersey.—THE NEW JERSEY STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION held its sixteenth semi-annual meeting on November 26, at the Park Club, Plainfield. A most inter-

esting programme had been arranged and the association was given a most cordial welcome. It was with deep regret that the association received the resignation from the Examining Board of Marietta B. Squire, Arabella M. Creech and E. A. Hooper. The following appointments were made by the Governor: Mrs. Clifford Devereaux, East Orange; Elizabeth Higbid, Paterson; Minnie Ireland, Long Branch. At the request of Commissioner Lewis of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, the question of the establishment of training schools for nurses in the state hospitals and a scheme of affiliation with general hospitals was presented to the association for discussion. The annual meeting will be held in April, at Elizabeth.

New York.—NURSES' ASSOCIATIONS throughout the state are working out their plans for districting, according to the new by-laws of the state association and the plan of the American Nurses' Association. Sarah E. Sly, chairman of the National Committee on Revision, made the plan so clear at the state meeting at which she was an honored guest, that the working out of the by-laws is made less difficult than would have otherwise been possible. **Mt. Kisco.**—SARA E. SILVIUS, who has been the district nurse for northern Westchester County for thirteen years, has retired. She was presented by the members of the Nursing and Hospital Committee with a beautiful wrist watch, accompanied by warm expressions of appreciation of her work.

North Carolina.—THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS held a meeting in Asheville December 10. There were 65 applicants for examination, six of whom were colored. There were only two failures out of the entire number, one being among the colored applicants. There were three applications for registration by reciprocity. The members were fortunate in having as their guest, Jane Van de Vrede, who gave an interesting talk on the Red Cross Nursing Service.

Pennsylvania.—THE GRADUATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA held a special meeting at Harrisburg, December 30 and 31, 1918. This meeting, in a measure, took the place of the annual meeting called for November at Johnstown, which had to be postponed indefinitely on account of the epidemic of influenza. At the Harrisburg meeting, routine business was transacted and officers and committees elected as follows: President, Roberta M. West, Philadelphia; vice presidents, Mrs. J. E. Roth of Pittsburgh and Ida M. Arnold of Scranton; secretary and treasurer, Williamina Duncan, Pittsburgh; directors, Gertrude Healey of Pittsburgh and Emma C. Smith of Philadelphia. Chairmen of committees are: Legislative, Mrs. J. E. Roth, Pittsburgh; Finance, Mrs. Sara S. Entwisle, Philadelphia; Relief Fund, Mrs. Paul Brown, Philadelphia. The principal business of this meeting was the discussion and adoption of the constitution and by-laws of the district associations of the state. Each chairman of the nine districts was urged to call a meeting of her district during January, 1919, for the purpose of the organization of the district and the election of district officers for 1919. Dr. B. Franklin Royer of the Pennsylvania Department of Health gave an interesting and instructive talk on the work done by the department during the epidemic of influenza. A meeting will be held at Johnstown late in April or early in May, when the original programme prepared for the meeting of November will be carried out as far as possible. Mollie Beers, Cambria Steel Hospital, Johnstown, is the chairman of the Arrangements Committee for this meeting. **Philadelphia.**—THE HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its first meeting of the year on January 7, when Dr. Pearson, dean of the college, gave an address. **Lancaster.**—ST. JOSEPH'S ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION held its annual meeting on January 7 and elected officers: President, Lillian Mumma;

vice president, Mrs. Minnie Esbeashade; secretary, Mary Warner; treasurer, Elizabeth Schreiner. The association is well represented in the service of the country. Many nurses were seriously ill during the epidemic, but all recovered. Meetings were postponed for several months but will now be held regularly.

Rhode Island: Providence.—THE RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL NURSES' CLUB was entertained on November 20 by Mr. and Mrs. George Spink, who gave part of the repertoire they had prepared for work in the camps abroad. In December the members were entertained by the Chopin Club. On January 2, the annual meeting, a programme arranged by the pupils of the school was given, and Miss Lord read a report of the year's work. THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS met on December 5, and after the usual service, had an address by Miss Cranston in which she told of her work on Prudence Island. On January 5 Mary Hall told of her work in a munitions factory.

West Virginia.—DURING THE RECENT epidemic of influenza an emergency hospital was established in the Benwood Settlement House where forty-two cases were treated in three weeks, thirty had pneumonia as a complication. Homes were systematically visited and the severer cases brought to the hospital. Devoted care was given by Mrs. Susan Cook and her assistants, who had willing assistance and coöperation from the community.

Wisconsin: LaCrosse.—THE LACROSSE HOSPITAL has a beautiful new nurses' home, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gund, named the Eleanor Gund Home. The nurses took possession on Christmas Day.

BIRTHS

On December 26, 1918, in Sioux Center, Iowa, a son, Karl Richard, to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ferdinand van Langen. Mrs. van Langen was Miss Billenkamp, class of 1917, Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.

On November 8, 1918, in Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter, to Dr. and Mrs. Lynn. The baby died on November 10th.

In November, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clark. Mrs. Clark was Florence Bergoldan, class of 1911, Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia.

MARRIAGES

On December 21, in New Haven, Conn., Helen B. Freer, graduate of the Chicago Hospital, Chicago, to Captain Everett Morris. Captain and Mrs. Morris will live in New Haven.

On December 18, at Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Mary Isabel Heiner, class of 1908, Milwaukee County Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis., to Walter Ross Legge. Mr. and Mrs. Legge will live in McMurray, Wash.

Recently, at Washington, D. C., Margaret F. Blyler, class of 1911, Reading Hospital, Reading, Pa., to Lieutenant Joseph W. Powell, Jr. Lieutenant and Mrs. Powell will live in Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Powell had been a school nurse, a tubercular nurse, technician at the Reading Hospital, and later an Army nurse, stationed at Camp Meade, Md.

Recently, in New Haven, Conn., Edith G. Police, class of 1915, Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, N. H., to Frederick W. Alfred. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred will live in Providence, R. I.

On December 7, in Providence, R. I., Gladys Locke, class of 1914, Rhode Island Hospital, to Charles Henry George. Mr. and Mrs. George will live in Providence.

On January 1, at Winona, Minn., Edith Weller, to Ivan P. Balanbanoff, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Balanbanoff will live in Tacoma, Wash., where Miss Weller was for some time superintendent of nurses at the Northern Pacific Hospital. She was later superintendent of the training school at the Winona General Hospital.

On November 26, at St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, Beatrice Copleston Archer, graduate of the Staten Island Hospital, New York, to Captain Richard Selwyn Haskew.

On November 28, in Springfield, Mass., Bernice May Carroll, class of 1916, Springfield Hospital, to Lieutenant Richard T. Powers.

On January 15, in Adrian, Mich., Helen Mumford, class of 1912, University of Michigan Training School, Ann Arbor, to William Lackland Peters, M.D. Dr. and Mrs. Peters will live in Jasper, Mich.

On December 18, at Laurelton, N. J., Edna Louise Sherman, class of 1917, Orange Memorial Hospital, to Frederick Wolcott Cook.

DEATHS

On December 8, at Saranac Lake, N. Y., Frances Richter, class of 1916, Metropolitan Hospital, Blackwell's Island, N. Y.

On October 16, at Fort Riley, Kansas, Etta Coover, who was serving as a Red Cross nurse.

On November 6, at Dallas, Texas, E. T. Bain, graduate of the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, Scotland. Miss Bain was a woman of wonderful character, devoted to her profession, and loved by all who knew her.

On December 9, at Shiloh, Ohio, after a long illness, Zena Rose, class of 1909, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Cleveland. Miss Rose was an active member of her alumnae and was well liked by all who knew her.

On October 4, Margaret Morton, class of 1915, House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield, Mass. Miss Morton's death followed a short illness and was a shock to her many friends. At the time of her death she was night supervisor at the hospital.

On October 4, Helen Powers, class of 1909, House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield.

On November 12, after a lingering illness, Anna McKenna, class of 1899, House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield.

On October 7, at Winchester, England, Maud V. Kells, class of 1915, House of Mercy Hospital, Pittsfield. Miss Kells was a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

On October 20, at the Altoona Hospital, Altoona, Pa., Kathryn Miller, class of 1903, Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia.

On December 20, at the Atlantic City Hospital, Elma F. Prickett, class of 1911, Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia.

On December 22, Nellie C. Shoe Chubb, class of 1910, Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia.

On November 19, at Yonkers, N. Y., Alice Dobbs, graduate of St. John's Riverside Hospital Yonkers. Miss Dobbs had been in charge of the tubercular work in Yonkers for the past ten years. She made a very efficient head and will be greatly missed.

On October 26, Mrs. Frank Harper met her death with others when the steamship *Princess Sophia* foundered in the Lynn Canal, Alaska. Mrs. Harper was

Frances Wells, class of 1915, Protestant Episcopal Hospital, and had only recently been married to Mr. Harper at the Episcopal Mission, Ft. Yukon, by Archdeacon Stuck, a noted Alaskan missionary and explorer whom Mr. Harper had accompanied on several exploring trips.

DEATHS RESULTING FROM INFLUENZA

On November 27, 1918, Lillias MacKay, class of 1914, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Philadelphia. Miss MacKay was doing Red Cross work and was treasurer of the alumnae association of her hospital.

In October, Caroline Peterman, class of 1916, Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia.

In October, Ethel Fay Kercher, class of 1913, Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia.

On December 22, at the Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City, Helen Wiggins of Rockaway, N. J., a nurse in training. Although Miss Wiggins had been in the school less than three months, she had endeared herself to teachers and classmates.

In October, Mrs. Charles S. Duttonhafer, who had been doing influenza nursing. Mrs. Duttonhafer was Anna Emily Goertz, class of 1913, Philadelphia General Hospital.

In November, in Harrisburg, Pa., Katharine Wemyss, after nursing five cases of influenza, during which time she gave all her reserve strength to her patients. She will be greatly missed.

On October 10, in France, Louise Seymour, who had done district nursing in Middleboro, Mass., for five years before going into Red Cross service.

On December 25, at the Reading Hospital, Reading, Pa., Mrs. Howard S. Strausser. Mrs. Strausser was Mary E. Stout, class of 1916, Reading Hospital.

On October 8, at Base Hospital 33, Portsmouth, England, Grace Buell, class of 1917, Hope Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The following graduates of the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, Rochester, N. Y., have died as a result of influenza: Sarah Packard, class of 1898; Rose B. Sperry, class of 1907; Julia Stickles Hanford, class of 1912; Katherine Connolly, class of 1918; Lillian Cupp, class of 1918.

On Christmas morning, at Elizabeth, Pa., Anna B. Rike, class of 1907, Western Pennsylvania Hospital Training School for Nurses, Pittsburgh, Pa. Miss Rike was engaged in private nursing since graduation until a few months previous to her death when she went to the Emergency Hospital at Elizabeth and assisted in the care of those who became victims of influenza. Miss Rike was a superior nurse, an active member of the alumnae and will be sadly missed by her associates.

On December 30, at Richmond, Va., Mrs. Peyton Morton. Mrs. Morton was Jessie Lou Thomas, class of 1908, Dr. Price's Hospital, Philadelphia. Mrs. Morton was a conscientious, devoted nurse, of sterling qualities. Her death comes as a great shock to her many friends.

In October, at the University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., Lillie Hedgers, a graduate of the hospital and a visiting nurse.

In October, Thea Thorpe, a senior student nurse at the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, N. D.

In November, Birdie Adams, a student nurse at the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, N. D.

In October, in St. Louis, Mabel Christiansen, graduate of the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, N. D.

On October 28, in Philadelphia, Christina Hodge.

On December 13, Hulda Forsman, Birmingham, Ala.

On October 15, Ruth Kraft, class of 1914, Maryland General Hospital, Miss Kraft was a well known nurse with a large practice.

On December 12, Marguerite H. Hugo, class of 1912, Jamaica Hospital Training School, Jamaica, L. I. For the past three years Miss Hugo had been employed in the Whitinsville Hospital, Whitinsville, Mass.

On Thanksgiving Day, at Clarkson Hospital, Omaha, Neb., Adah D. Arnall, class of 1909, St. Joseph's Hospital, Deadwood, S. D. She was an efficient nurse, much loved by all, and had worked untiringly during the epidemic.

On December 21, in Carbondale, Pa., Louise A. Jordan, class of 1914, Burns Hospital, Scranton. Miss Jordan had been assistant superintendent of the Cottage State Hospital, Mercer, for the past two years.

On November 1, in Springfield, Mass., Marion Hunter Hockemeier, class of 1909, Rhode Island Hospital, after volunteer work during the epidemic.

On December 25, in Westerly, R.I., Margaret Pickering, class of 1916, Rhode Island Hospital.

In October, at Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J., Mrs. Katharine S. Laub Bolling, class of 1914, Protestant Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia.

On October 11, at Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Constant Penn Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was Lucy Lewis, class of 1909, Protestant Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Her home was at Ft. Smith, Ark.

In October, at the Crozier Hospital, Chester, Pa., Florence M. Matthews, class of 1898, Protestant Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Miss Matthews was a visiting nurse for State Tuberculosis Dispensaries.